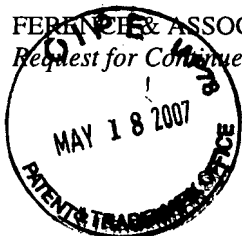


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FERENCE & ASSOCIATES LLC
Request for Continued Examination

Atty. Docket No. DE920000055US1
(590.080)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Frank et al.
Serial No. : 09/997,957 Examiner : Huyen X. Vo
Filed : November 30, 2001 Art Unit : 2655
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE AUTOMATIC
SEPARATING AND INDEXING OF MULTI-SPEAKER
CONVERSATIONS

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

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Extension of Time

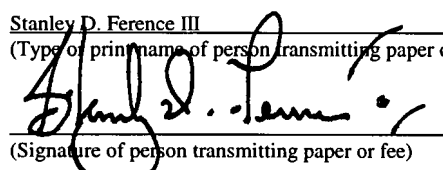
- ☐ No extension of time is needed.
- ☒ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on May 14, 2007.

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2 **Submission Required Under 37 CFR 1.114**

- ☒ Previously submitted
☒ Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on April 16, 2007.
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.
☐ Other ____.
- ☐ Enclosed
☒ Amendment/Reply
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
☐ Other ____.

3. **Miscellaneous**

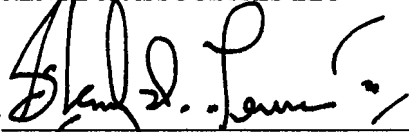
- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.
- ☐ Other ____.

4. **Fees**

- ☒ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$790 to cover the RCE fee.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$____ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 14, 2007

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